

## Lindberg Bridge a City Milestone

With the opening of Lindberg Bridge, West Lafayette residents, neighbors and visitors west of the Celery Bog are gaining easy access to campus and the rest of the city via Lindberg Road, while those traveling the same route from the east are gaining access to Cattail Trail and Lilly Nature Center.



*West Lafayette residents and visitors welcome the Lindberg Bridge, opening safe travel between Northwestern Avenue and McCormick Road.*

## Spans One-quarter Mile

The latest milestone in West Lafayette's achievements, Lindberg Bridge stands 12 feet above ground at center point, spans more than one-quarter mile and is supported by more than 2.5 miles of steel pilings.

"Lindberg Bridge will serve our community as an engineering, construction, safety and aesthetic success for generations to come," says Mayor John Dennis. "It provides safe travel for vehicles and pedestrians, and its overlook gives residents and visitors an interesting, bird's-eye view of the Celery Bog."

Just a year in the making, "The Lindberg Bridge is quite an accomplishment given the parameters, piling depth, bog soil, specifications and frequent inclement weather," says Dave Buck, city engineer. "We thank our residents for their patience as this project was completed."

## Funded by County

Through a cooperative, intergovernmental effort, West Lafayette provided design work, and Tippecanoe County oversaw and funded construction.

Bridge engineers from American Structure Point completed the design, and geotechnical expertise was provided by ATC Associates Inc. Jack Isom Construction built the \$4.5 million bridge, funded with cumulative county bridge funding.

## Wabash Commons Moving Forward

Indiana University Health Arnett's September announcement that it would build a new West Lafayette medical facility was the latest and biggest step forward in the Wabash Commons redevelopment on Sagamore West.

The long-time local healthcare provider will invest \$8.3 million to build a 31,500-square-foot medical facility to house an urgent care center and offices for internal medicine, family medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology physicians.

"We recognize the healthcare needs of the West Lafayette community," says Chet Ho, M.D. at IU Health Arnett.

Another 10,500 square feet is planned for future expansion at the site, to include medical imaging and other services.

*Architectural rendering of planned IU Health Arnett facility.*



IU Health Arnett's current Salisbury Street facility will close, with that land being acquired by Westminster Village.

"New developments at Wabash Commons are important additions to our professional and commercial sector," says Director of Development Chandler Poole. "Residents are going to be pleased as they witness the progress."

Mike's Car Wash already opened on the site; plans are in the works for a dentist's office and bank.



## Putting Your Safety First

by Mayor John Dennis

Step up and take a bow, West Lafayette residents. We have a lot to be proud of here, especially when it comes to public safety and health-related opportunities.

Public safety tops the list, with ongoing road improvements, miles of pedestrian and bicycle trails, the Safe Routes to School program and the new Lindberg Bridge. We have been hard at work planning and developing outdoor recreational opportunities to better serve our citizens. Our goal is for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, drivers and passengers to enjoy, safely, whatever transportation option you choose, from casual strolls to daily commutes.

In the fire safety category, we have finalized plans and will soon be moving forward with construction on Fire Station No. 3. It will serve a growing area of our city, on the northern areas where new homes are being built.

With our healthy communities focus, we continue to improve our beautiful and well-visited parks and add mileage to our trails so our residents can be safe and active outside. Earlier, we stationed ambulances in the city so residents can be reached quickly in an emergency. And now, IU Health Arnett is building a fully functional medical facility at Wabash Commons, increasing healthcare services in West Lafayette.

I appreciate our residents and partners who have supported our safety and health efforts. It's all part of planning ahead and looking out for each other.

Another safety note: Snow and ice will arrive soon. Remember that keeping sidewalks clear is an important safety measure in our pedestrian-friendly community. Everyone will appreciate your shoveling early and often or arranging for it to be done if you cannot.

## Purdue Funds West Lafayette History Project

Search your attic, tap your memory, gather your West Lafayette historical memorabilia. The West Lafayette Memories Project is afoot, and your documents, photographs, artifacts and written stories are needed.

### Graduate Student Leads Research

American studies doctoral student Abby Stephens has been named an engaged graduate assistant for the project funded by Purdue University. She is working closely with the West Lafayette Public Library and will host callouts at the library and other locations so residents can contribute to the project.

She'll serve in this post until May 2012.

Earlier, Stephens archived the sports memorabilia at Bruno's Swiss Inn, learning some interesting facts. Among them:

- Bruno Itin learned his baking trade while living in Switzerland. After immigrating to the U.S., he put it to use in other Indiana locations before ending up in West Lafayette.
- Big O's Sports Room at Bruno's has a larger collection of three-dimensional sports artifacts than Purdue University.

Stephens got her first taste of this kind of research working on her master's at Northwest Missouri State University. "I came to love the process of research based on primary documents and artifacts that bear witness to the seemingly ordinary experiences of people," she says.

"My research focuses on how historical evidence is saved and valued or discarded and forgotten."

### Memories, Collections, Artifacts Needed

For the West Lafayette project, she wants to gather written and oral memories, collections of documents and artifacts from former and current city residents, business owners, employees, and Purdue students, alumni, faculty and staff.

"We hope that gathering the memories and collections will promote historical awareness and enhance the sense of community," she says.

She's especially interested in local traditions, customs and events, and memories of public and private community gathering spaces.

### What Do You Remember?

To get participants started, Stephens poses this question: "What former West Lafayette restaurant do you miss, and what do you remember about it?"

Send your answer, along with any other information and a list of items of interest you may have, to Stephens at [wlhistory@purdue.edu](mailto:wlhistory@purdue.edu), or leave a telephone message for her at the library, 765-743-2261.



Abby Stephens is leading the West Lafayette Memories Project.



## Business, Education, Community News

**New, Expanded Businesses.** West Lafayette welcomes these new businesses and expansions:

**Always Best Care Senior Services** | 917 Sagamore Parkway West  
**DragonFly Athletics** | software and digital video services, Purdue Research Park

**Echo** | karaoke bar, Wabash Landing

**FoundOPS** | software systems, Purdue Research Park

**Futago Inc.** | chemistry-related, Purdue Research Park

**Fuzzy's Taco Shop** | State Street and South River Road

**HNTB LiDAR Lab** | civil engineering research, Purdue Research Park

**JF & Company** | children's boutique, University Square

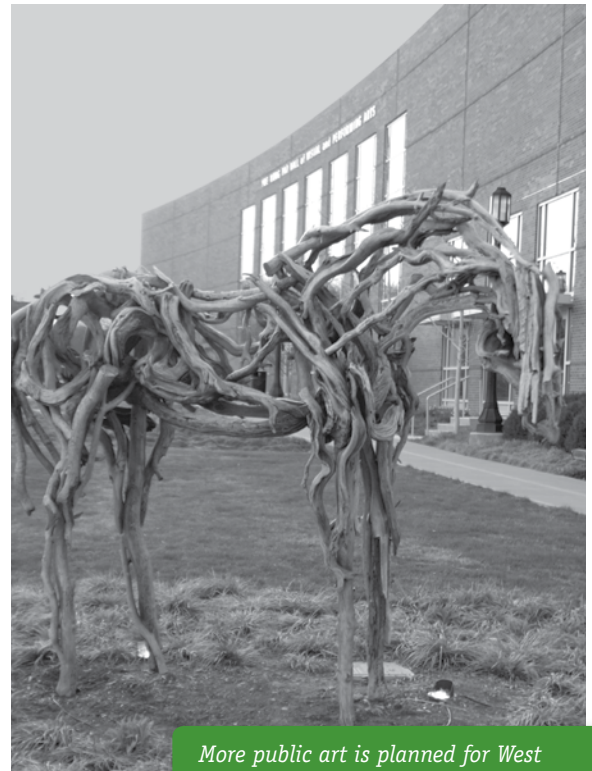
**Teeki Hut** | t-shirt shop, River Market

**Vision Advantage** | auto dealer consulting, Purdue Research Park

**Walgreens** | \$675,00 interior remodel under way

**Westminster Health Center** | expansion at Westminster Village completed; renovations under way.

**Education News.** **Happy Hollow Elementary** has been named a Blue Ribbon School, one of nine Indiana schools and 304 nationally, for its high performance on state assessments. **Purdue University** has 39,637 students enrolled on the West Lafayette campus this year; 7,934 are international students, up 1,173 from last fall.



*More public art is planned for West Lafayette. Pictured on the Purdue campus is Silver Bow by Deborah Butterfield.*

## For Your Safety

**Street Improvements.** City Engineer Dave Buck reports that work has been completed on Robinson Street. In other areas:

**Cumberland Phase 2:** Utilities are moving, right-of-ways being obtained and needed land purchased. Construction bids are expected in October, with work slated for March to November 2012.

**Harrison Street:** The section from Sheetz to University has reopened; work from University to Russell should wind up in October; Harrison from Russell to Jischke will then close until the end of the year for reconstruction.

**Yeager Phase 1:** Utility movement will continue through winter. Because the project is federally funded, the Indiana Department of Transportation will oversee bidding, slated for October. Construction is expected from March to November 2012.

**Police Can Help When You're Locked Out.** West Lafayette Police Department squad cars now have lockout kits, and police can assist anyone getting locked out of their cars in the city limits. While the kits work on most cars and rarely cause damage, vehicle owners will be asked to sign a damage waiver. If you need assistance, call the West Lafayette Police at 765-775-5200.

## Eyeing Public Art Spots

West Lafayette residents may soon see more public art around town.

A summer charrette brought a group of residents and art professionals together. Their 22-page Art in Public Places Report 2011 is available at [www.westlafayette.in.gov](http://www.westlafayette.in.gov) (click on "Documents" at the top).

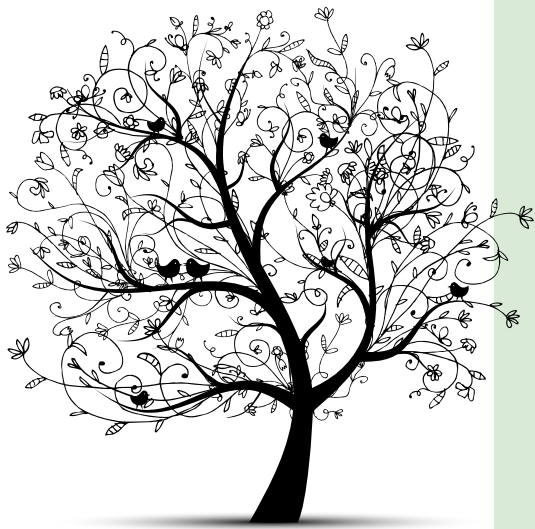
The group identified eight major city approaches and thoroughfares as possible spots for art. Some public places identified for large-scale projects are Sagamore West Farmers Market, Myers Pedestrian Bridge, the Chauncey commercial area and Morton Community Center, among others.

Six locations were identified as high-impact areas. Among them are the Village Alley, West Lafayette Public Library and its garage and the Wiggins Street chute. Park entrances were also identified.

The group also looked at possible funding sources.

A committee is being formed to identify priority spaces and develop requests for proposals. The committee will be chaired by Craig Martin, director of Purdue Galleries.

# WEST LAFAYETTE MOVING FORWARD



## All About Community

**Youth Council Gears Up.** The West Lafayette Youth Council, led by West Lafayette High School senior Sameer Mishra, is planning a busy year. “One of their first projects is going to be designing a city flag,” reports Mayor John Dennis, a fan of youth involvement. “The Youth Council allows students to interact with the city council, my office and department heads. They get to see the city at work, and we get to hear their voices. It’s refreshing for us to hear these students’ views.”

**High School Needs Recycling Bins.** West Lafayette High School is asking residents to donate old recycle bins for its use. Residents who donate bins may place their recyclables in larger trash containers, preferably red, as long as they are labeled—either with the word “Recycle” or the recycle symbol, available at [www.westlafayette.in.gov](http://www.westlafayette.in.gov).

**High Rankings.** Among our area’s recent top recognitions: **No. 8 in Top 10 Retirement Towns** | Second Act, 2011, for our affordability, architectural charm, culture, recreation, public transportation and being a college town. **No. 11 Best Small City for Business and Careers** | Forbes, 2011.

## Prepare for Changing Seasons

### Fall: Trim Trees, Rake Leaves

The Street Department offers these tips for fall cleanup and landscape maintenance.

Residents are asked to check their properties and alleyways for tall grasses and overgrown brush, and trim as needed.

Also, this is the time to check trees and shrubs to make sure height requirements are met and dead limbs and growth are removed. The city requires that tree branches be no lower than 8 feet over sidewalks and trails, and no lower than 15 feet over streets. This not only promotes tree structure, it facilitates pedestrian and vehicle clearance and helps assure safety.

Reminder: the city’s landscape ordinance stipulates that trees should not be topped.

Throughout the fall, the city will pick up leaves raked to the curb line in a windrow, a heaped up pile. A schedule, which is the same as recycling, is online at [www.westlafayette.in.gov](http://www.westlafayette.in.gov). The city will pick up all trimmings on residents’ normal yard waste days.

Residents are asked to leave catch basins free of leaves and not place sticks or other debris in the leaf pile.

The city also will pick up leaves placed in rigid containers on scheduled yard waste pickup days.

### Winter: Ordinance Requires Snow Removal

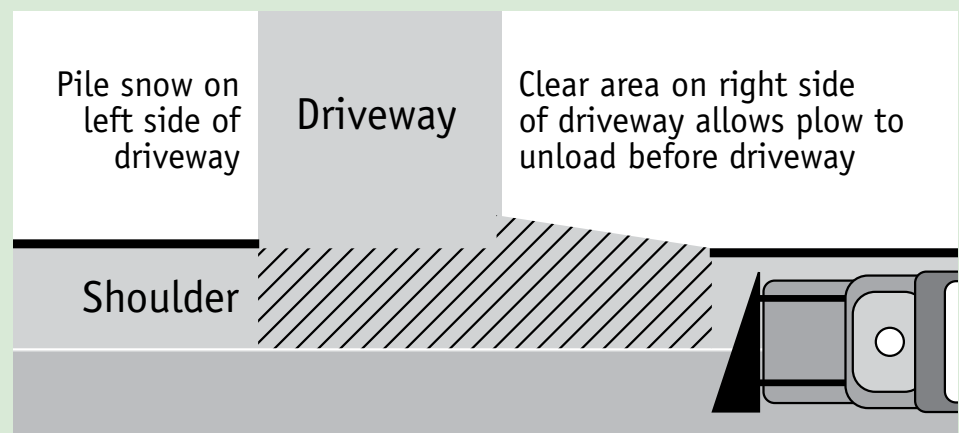
Old man winter is headed our way! Property owners or occupants must clear snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property within six hours after daylight and after snowfall has ceased. Snow around mailboxes should also be cleared, to allow for postal deliveries.

Residents who will be traveling in the winter or are unable to complete the task should make arrangements to have someone else shovel. Fines up to \$50 can be assessed for noncompliance, along with the cost of clearing the sidewalk if the city must do it.

Questions? Contact the Neighborhood Resource Team, 765-775-5200.

The Street Department pre-treats roads as weather forecasts dictate, with plowing and salt operations launching once snow or ice begins to accumulate.

Main streets are plowed first, then residential streets, then cul-de-sacs. If snow resumes before all streets are plowed, crews will return to main streets before completing arterial streets.





*Dick and Helen Arnold,  
Beautification Award winners.*

## Beautification Awards Showcase Landscapes

To show appreciation for the gift of lovely landscapes to our community, West Lafayette presents monthly beautification awards to those who demonstrate their civic pride by giving time and energy to their properties.

In August, **Covenant Presbyterian Church** received the award for the shrubs, hardy perennials, daylilies and potted annuals that fill its 11-acre campus. The landscaping is maintained by a half-dozen women in the "On Our Knees" ministry led by Gretchen Ely; they are assisted by other church members for twice-a-year cleanups.

The September award was shared by neighbors **Dick and Helen Arnold**, 1145 Glenway Drive, and **Bob and Elizabeth Beck**, 1200 Glenway Drive. The Arnolds' shady garden features rhododendrons, azaleas and hostas. The Becks enjoy decorative grasses, impatiens and begonias in their yard.

## Neighborhood News

**Neighborhood Council Meets.** Updates from the Street Department, Waste Water Utility and Beautification Committee were all part of the September Neighborhood Council meeting, reports Dale Dixon, city housing program coordinator. The council meets several times a year to bring neighborhood association representatives together. For Spring 2012, the Beautification Committee is asking residents to plant purple flowers. Members will offer information on planting and conserving water usage, says Lynn Layden, committee chair.

**Neighborhood Resource Team a Plus for City.** Two Neighborhood Resource Team programs are making a big difference. Setting up temporary dumpsters in student areas during August move-in time brought in more than 50 tons of debris. The city also invited Goodwill Industries to select household items for reuse. Both helped keep discarded items off the streets, defraying city removal costs.

**West Lafayette Enforces HUD Fair Housing Laws.** The city of West Lafayette enforces Housing and Urban Development Fair Housing laws. It is unlawful to discriminate in housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status (families with children under the age of 18 or who are expecting a child) or handicap (if you or someone close to you has a disability). If you believe your rights have been violated, the West Lafayette Human Relations Commission can help you. For more information, call 765-775-5100.

**Historic Preservation Commission Begins Its Work.** The recently appointed Historic Preservation Commission has begun meeting regularly, reports Chandler Poole, director of development. Early work included understanding how a commission functions and what ordinances do. Tommy Kleckner, director of Indiana Landmarks, Western Regional Office in Terre Haute, also gave a presentation to the commission. A nonprofit organization, Indiana Landmarks works to protect architecturally unique, historically significant and communally cherished properties.

## Two Parks Get Improvements

How about a little three-on-three? New basketball standards are in and paving complete at Tommy Johnston Park, along with new landscaping.

Across town, University Farm Park has new equipment, too. Parks and Recreation staff members Chris Foley and Pennie Ainsworth met with neighborhood children and parents last spring to see what type of playground they wanted.

The result: accessible playground equipment has been installed, and two separate play areas designated. One is for youngsters ages 2 to 5, the other for children ages 5 to 12.

Installation included several layers of cushioned materials on the ground to ease landings.

*University Farm Park now has  
accessible playground equipment.*





## Take Part in Your Community

### Drug Drop-off

Thursdays | November 10 and December 8  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
West Lafayette Police Department

### Boiler Bridge Walks

Fridays | November 11 and 18  
5:45 p.m. | Myers Pedestrian Bridge

### Sagamore West Farmers Market

Pre-Thanksgiving Market  
Wednesday | November 23  
3 to 6:30 p.m. | Cumberland Park

### Riverside Skating Center

Opens for the Season | Friday | November 25  
• Skate with Santa | Saturday | December 17  
• Dare to Bear | Friday | February 3  
For information, call 765-775-5120

### Christmas Parade

Sunday | December 4  
Departs 10th and Main, Lafayette, 2 p.m.  
Ends on the West Lafayette Levee  
Watch the parade on Tapawingo Drive

### City Offices Closed

November 8 | Election Day  
November 11 | Veterans Day  
November 24 and 25 | Thanksgiving Holidays  
December 23 and 26 | Christmas Holidays  
January 2 | New Year's Holiday



## Morton Filled With Fun

Don't let chilly weather keep you from having a good time, getting some exercise or enjoying others' company.

Morton Community Center is brimming with opportunities, from basket weaving, drawing, painting and machine embroidery to yoga, Zumba, and ballroom, international folk and belly dancing.

Check out the November offerings at [www.westlafayette.in.gov/parks](http://www.westlafayette.in.gov/parks). The next class brochure will be available in December.

Watch the December 4 Christmas Parade on Tapawingo Drive.

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